Region, particularly in Assam, is likely to be financed by the World Bank loan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has approached the World Bank for extending their expertise for the study on "Water, Natural Resources and the Environment for Development and Growth in North East". The study is an integrated project combining all natural resources for their efficient utilization for developmental purposes keeping the environmental issues in mind. The proposed study with the help of the World Bank is at the initial stage of formulation.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of the Vayudoot Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVSL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I. Acopyeach(in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Vayudoot Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 1981/05]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

II. Statement (2004-2005) of Market Borrowings by Central Government

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. (i)Aeopy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) GSR 97 (E) dated the 24th February, 2005, publishing Notification No. 6/2005-Central Excise (NT) dated the 24th February, 2005, appointing the 28th February, 2005 as the date for commencement of the Central Excise Tariff (Amendment) Act,2004.

(2) GSR. 98 (E) dated the 24th February, 2005, publishing the Central Excise (Removal of Difficulties) Rules, 2005.

(3) G.S.R.99(E) dated the 24th February, 2005, publishing Notification No. 8/2005-Central Excise (NT) dated the 24th February, 2005, substituting all references to 6-Digit classification in existing Notifications/rules/ad hoc orders, issued under section 3(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, to 8-Digit. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (3) See No.LT. 1996/05]

(4) GS.R. 100 (E) dated the 24th February, 2005, publishing Notification No. 9/2005-Central Excise (NT) dated the 24th February, 2005, substituting all references to 6-Digit classification in existing Notifications/rules/ad hoc orders, issued under section 11C of the Central Excise Act, 1944, to 8-Digit.

(5) GS.R. 101 (E) dated the 24th February, 2005, publishing Notification No. 10/2005-Central Excise (NT) dated the 24th February, 2005, substituting all references to 6-Digit classification in existing Notifications/rules/ad hoc orders, issued under section 5A(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, to 8-Digit. [Placed in Library. For (4) and (5) See No.LT. 1997/05]

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) GS.R. 216 (E) dated the 4th April, 2005, publishing the Baggage (Amendment) Rules, 2005.

(2) GS.R. 222 (E) dated the 8th April, 2005, publishing Notification No. 32/2005 Customs, dated the 8th April, 2005, operationalising the Target Plus Scheme announced under the Foreign Trade Policy 2004—09. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1993/05]

(iii) Acopy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. G.B. / Vividh / Karmik / 04 / Idated the 3rd January, 2005, publishing the Jaipur Nagaur Achalik Gramin Bank (Officers and Employees) Service Regulations, 2000, under sub-section (2) of section 30 of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 1998/05]

(iv) Acopy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the income-tax Act, 1961, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) S.O.453 (E) dated the 30th March, 2005, publishing the Electronic Filing of Returns of Tax Collected at Source Scheme, 2005.

(2) S.O.454 (E) dated the 30th March, 2005, publishing the Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2005. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1992/05]

II. A Statement (in English and Hindi) of Market Borrowings by Central Government during 2004-2005. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 2107/05]

STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I of the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken on the recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Committee (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on working of Indian Council for Cultural Relations with special reference to Cultural Centres abroad.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri N. Jothi stating that he is unable to attend the House as he is advised by the doctors to take complete bed rest due to ill health. He has, therefore, requested for the grant of Leave of Absence for the 2nd part of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House to remain absent from all meetings of the House during the current session?